# *Executive Proclamation*
## *State of South Dakota*
## *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, People across South Dakota wish to live in harmony with the natural resources and leave better earth for our children and grandchildren; and,

***Whereas***, Conservationists across our beautiful state work hand-in-hand with all citizens of South Dakota to conserve natural resources and to create a healthy land; and,

***Whereas***, Leadership for conservation of natural resources on private lands is provided by a partnership that includes conservation districts, state conservation agencies, other federal agencies, tribes, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and,

***Whereas***, The Natural Resources Conservation Service and its predecessor, the Soil Conservation Service, have been helping agricultural landowners in South Dakota meet their conservation goals; and,

***Whereas***, The Natural Resources Conservation Service has established an important conservation partnership with farmers and ranchers in South Dakota; and,

***Whereas***, Now is the time to recognize the contributions the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners, and to increase awareness among the state's citizens of the importance of natural resources:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2010, as

## *NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DAY*

in South Dakota, and encourage all citizens to celebrate this first day of a "Year of Conservation" in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the state of South Dakota, and further reflect on ways we can contribute to a healthy environment and make our state an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State